

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2685

**Introduced by Committee on Judiciary (Feuer (Chair), Atkins,
Dickinson, Huber, Monning, and Wieckowski)**

March 12, 2012

An act to amend Sections 6140 and 6141 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to attorneys.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2685, as introduced, Committee on Judiciary. Attorneys: annual membership fees.

Existing law, the State Bar Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California, a public corporation. The State Bar is governed by a board of trustees. Existing law, until January 1, 2013, requires the board to charge an annual membership fee for active members of up to \$315 for 2012 minus a specified \$10 rebate. Existing law also requires the board to charge an annual membership fee for inactive members of up to \$75 minus a specified \$10 rebate.

This bill would, until January 1, 2014, require the board to charge that annual membership fee for active members, and would delete the provisions providing for a rebate for both active and inactive members.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6140 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 6140. (a) The board shall fix the annual membership fee for
2 active members for ~~2012~~ 2013 at a sum not exceeding three
3 hundred fifteen dollars (\$315) ~~minus a ten dollar (\$10) rebate to~~
4 ~~be shown as such on the annual dues statement directly below the~~
5 ~~2012 membership fee.~~

6 (b) The annual membership fee for active members is payable
7 on or before the first day of February of each year. If the board
8 finds it appropriate and feasible, it may provide by rule for payment
9 of fees on an installment basis with interest, by credit card, or other
10 means, and may charge members choosing any alternative method
11 of payment an additional fee to defray costs incurred by that
12 election.

13 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2013~~
14 2014, and, as of that date, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
15 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2013~~ 2014, deletes or extends
16 that date.

17 SEC. 2. Section 6141 of the Business and Professions Code is
18 amended to read:

19 6141. (a) Until December 31, 2006, the board shall fix the
20 annual membership fee for inactive members at a sum not
21 exceeding sixty-five dollars (\$65). On January 1, 2007, and
22 thereafter, the board shall fix the annual membership fee for
23 inactive members at a sum not exceeding seventy-five dollars (\$75)
24 ~~minus a ten dollar (\$10) rebate to be shown as such on the annual~~
25 ~~dues statement directly below the 2012 membership fee.~~ The annual
26 membership fee for inactive members is payable on or before the
27 first day of February of each year.

28 (b) An inactive member shall not be required to pay the annual
29 membership fee for inactive members for any calendar year
30 following the calendar year in which the member attains the age
31 of 70 years.